

Marshfield Conservation Commission
131st Meeting
Meeting of 1 May 2019

Members Present: Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Annie Reed,

Minutes: Approved with minor corrections

Treasurers Report

- Operating Fund: \$300
- Conservation Fund: \$10,895

Plant Sale Update:

- Total sales \$3,116 but still outstanding bills so probably \$1,300 net. We are not splitting with Plainfield this year.
- Still waiting for hydrangeas to arrive. We'll need to deliver the plants once they arrive.
- Members thanked Anne for organizing the sale.

Natural Marshfield update

- On hold for the time being
- Anne interested in getting Jens Hilke to speak on connectivity in the fall

Booklet reprint

- Sara provided cost estimate for reprinting the booklet.
- Members agreed to reprint 250 copies
- Allen thought we should dispense for free to new residents

Motion: to approve the expense for 250 copies. Approved unanimously.

- **Sara** asked to follow up with Minuteman Press

Letter to PC on zoning changes

- Members reviewed Steve's letter to Planning Commission re. the proposed zoning change. He emphasized natural resource concerns.
- **Anne** agreed to undertake a 2nd draft incorporating our comments.

Friends of Winooski tree planting Saturday the 4th

- FoW donating maple, cedars, nannyberries, and elderberries for us to plant along Winooski
- Steve will pick up this Saturday and plant at OSC from 10 to 12.
- **Members** are encouraged to help plant on Saturday.

Martin Bridge Work Day: Saturday the 11th

- Rich Phillips having a work day at MCB.
- Allen will inspect previously planted trees for any necessary maintenance

Report on Meeting with Cabot Cons Com re. Molly's Falls State Park

- Ed and Annie attended the meeting
- Cabot commission is concerned with creation of new camp sites, but apparently not the state's intent.
- State will turn some overnight sites into day use only

Stranahan update: Tabled

Proposal for a retreat to refocus our priorities

- Members thought **Sara** should clarify her vision about the need and focus and we'd consider for the fall

Announcements/Other Business

- Sugaring operation:
 - Steve observed some erosion concerns
 - Steve invited Mike Farell to attend one of our meetings to give a presentation about the operation and perhaps give a walking tour of the operation.
 - Still some concern about tapping yellow birch
- Anne suggested we begin to think about the impact of climate refugees and planning for their arrival and how to maintain wildlife corridors.

Model Communities meeting at Twinfield

- Estimate of ca 150+ attendees
- Provided stimulating discussion of the town's future goals & visions.

Announcements:

- Mother's Day Wildflower Walk at Stranahan Forest: 1 to 4 with Annie and Bob
- Bird Walk at Stranahan on Sat, 18th at 7:30 to 10 with Taber, Alexander, and Bob

Submitted By: Bob Popp

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